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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is responsive to communication filed on 06/27/06. Claims 1-20 are pending, and have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barbieri, et al (US 6,212,160), hereinafter "Barbieri", and further in view of Motoyama (US 5,818,603).
4. Regarding claim 18, Barbieri teaches a method comprising:
 - providing a plurality of communications protocols capable of transferring data at an application layer ('a plurality of protocols', abstract);
 - selecting a first protocol of the plurality of communications protocols to transfer data to a remote receiver from at least one of a device, and appliance, an application, and an application unit ('application first attempts to establish a communications channel by using the preferred protocol', abstract);
 - selecting a second protocol of the plurality of communications protocols to transfer data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, and appliance, an

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application, and an application unit ('If that fails, the application attempts to establish the communications channel by using another supported protocol', abstract);

performing a first attempt to transfer data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, and appliance, an application, and an application unit using the first protocol ('application first attempts to establish a communications channel by using the preferred protocol', abstract); and

performing a second attempt to transfer data to the remote receiver from the at least one of a device, and appliance, an application, and an application unit using the second protocol after the first attempt, automatically without human intervention ('If that fails, the application attempts to establish the communications channel by using another supported protocol', abstract).

Barbieri fails to teach the collection and transferring of collected events at the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit.

However, Motoyama teaches the collection of events and transferring of collected events at the at least one of a device, an appliance, an application, and an application unit (col. 4, lines 45-52).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to collect events and transfer collected events as taught by Motoyama using multiple protocols as taught by Barbieri with motivation to increase compatibility and redundancy in performing diagnostic tasks.

5. Regarding claim 19, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claim 18 above, including the use and selection of different formats (Motoyama: col. 1, lines 52-57; and col. 8, lines 39-45).

6. Regarding claims 1 and 8, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claims 18 and 19 above. Additionally, the plurality of code devices and their function are obvious in Barbieri-Motoyama.

7. Regarding claims 2-3 and 9-10, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claims 1 and 8 above, including a library of code shared between first and second applications and a dynamically linked library of code shared between first and second applications (Motoyama: database 28, Fig. 1).

8. Regarding claim 4, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claim 1 above, including a plurality of communication protocols comprise at least one of (1) a store and forward protocol and (2) a direct connection protocol (Motoyama: col. 7, lines 4-12).

9. Regarding claim 5, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claim 1 above, including a plurality of communication protocols comprise (1) a simple mail transfer protocol and (2) at least one of (a) a file transfer protocol and (b) a hypertext transfer protocol (Motoyama: col. 7, lines 4-12).

10. Regarding claims 6-7, and 13-14, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claims 1 and 8 above, including the use of a second protocol when a first protocol fails (Barbieri: Abstract).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to use the disclosure of Barbieri to provide redundancy through a plurality of protocols.

11. Regarding claims 11 and 12, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claim 8 above, including a plurality of communication formats (col. 1, lines 52-57; and col. 8, lines 39-45) which obviously may comprise binary, text, hypertext markup language, and extended markup language, or compressed format.

12. Regarding claims 15-17, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claim 8 above. In addition, it is obvious that different protocols may work with more than one format.

13. Regarding claim 20, Barbieri-Motoyama teaches the invention substantially as claimed and described in claims 1 and 19 above, and is rejected as claims 1 and 19 above.

Response to Arguments

14. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

15. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

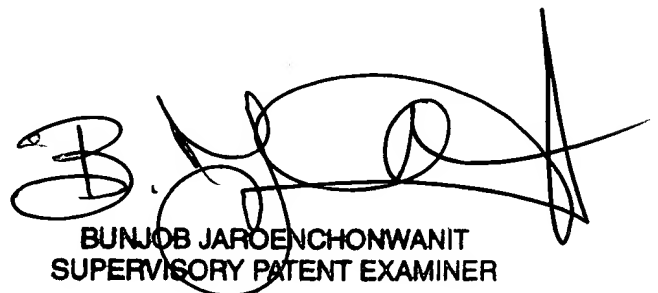
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on (571) 272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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